Library Bond Act Grant Applications - Cycle 1 Individual Application Summary

Project Name [Number]	Serramonte Main Library 1022	Current Square Footage	15,924	
Applicant Applicant	Daly City, City of	Project Square Footage	24,893	
Operating Library Jurisdiction	Daly City Public Library	Service Area Population:	108,838	
Project Type	Remodel & Expansion			
Project Priority	2nd	Anticipated Construction Start Date:	4/15/2004	
Joint Use Type	N/A			
Multipurpose?	NO	Total Project Amount		\$7,678,310
Leased Site:	NO	State Grant Amount		\$4,984,402

Bond Act Factors [California Code of Regulations Title 5, Section 19998 (a)]

	Rated	Other
Urban/Rural:		[see map]
Population Growth:		44%
Financial capacity of applicant to open and maintain operation of the library (new libraries only):		Yes
Age and Condition of Existing Library:	Poor Condition (= Very Good)	
Inadequacy of the existing library in meeting needs of residents and the response of proposed project to meeting the needs:	Acceptable	
Plan of Service integrates appropriate technology:	Acceptable	
Appropriateness of Proposed Site:	Outstanding	
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Overall Rating: Acceptable

Summary of Review Panel Comments

Population Growth 44.4%

Age and Condition of Existing Facility The existing library was built in 1975 and has not been remodeled. Major deficiencies of the current facility: unstable roof structure; lack of ADA compliance, which will require the installation of an elevator; entry of water into public entrance during heavy rain; corrosion in some areas of the building due to fog and winds carrying salt; west-facing floor-to-ceiling windows creating discomfort and glare. The feasibility study indicates that renovation is feasible.

Needs of Residents/Response of Proposed Project to Needs The needs assessment updates a 1994 document. The updated needs assessment was thorough and current statistics were reviewed. Space needs assessment was also thorough. A project-specific discussion of the service limitations was not included. The updated data was gathered through architectural design development meetings, a Library Service Response survey which was completed by 123 people (less than 1% of the population) and comment card postcards. Conclusions appear to be the same as 1994 with only one new service identified - upgrading computer wiring at all libraries.

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The plan of service: In essence, this facility is in need of additional space to house the materials and technology required to provide quality, basic library services to the community. Although the Needs Assessment did not identify the need for a classroom/computer lab, the plan of service includes one at the main library. The plan provides for enhanced services supporting traditional roles. Descriptions of types of services are very brief and selective.

The building program: This is an expansion of current facility on the same site. The plan of service indicates the need for a computer/lab classroom for adult literacy as well as study rooms, but neither is mentioned in the building program. There is no discussion of technology included in the Building Program.

The conceptual plans adequately incorporate the requirements of the building program.

Joint use agreement: N/A

Plan of Service Integrates Appropriate Technology The technology plan demonstrates an awareness of the need for flexibility in planning for future technological advances, but it is brief and dated 8/00. Current state-of-the-art technologies are incorporated such as self-checkout; additional public access computers; computer training room with laptops; AV system for meeting room; OPACS; City WAN; Peninsula Lib. System shared catalog; etc.

Appropriateness of Proposed Site This is a addition/remodeling of an existing library, and the site is adequate to accommodate the proposed project. Because of the unusual shape of the city, there is no actual center, but this site is located "on the way" -- to work, school, and shopping. While not highly visible from the street, it is located near a park that experiences heavy use. Directional signs have been placed on the streets, and 11 public transit stops are located within 1/4 mile of the library.

Financial Capacity The applicant has committed to the on-going operation of the completed library.

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